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ARNOLD, FRANCIS

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Francis Arnold was born in Germany on January 20, 1821. He spent his boyhood in his native land and at an early age came to the United States. He spent one year in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and Chicago, Illinois. He then went to La Porte, Indiana where he was engaged in the milling business. He spent about three years in Spicer, Minnesota as a farmer.

In 1860 he sold his farm in Kandiyohi County and built a flour mill where the Sauk River flows into the Mississippi River near Sartel. This mill was called the Sauk City Mills. Later it burned down and was rebuilt, it is now known as the Heim Mill.

The Red River trail past this mill and often these Red River carts would be loaded with provisions such as flour and feed from the Arnold Mill.

Francis Arnold served for many years as a member of the Sauk Rapids school board.

Francis Arnold married Hattie Koutz, a native of Pennsylvania, in 1855, and they had six children, Hettie, Mrs. George Sartell of Sartell, Minnesota; Gertrude, Mrs. George E. Clement of St. Cloud; Dora Arnold of St. Cloud; twins Henry of Reading, California and Sadie of St. Cloud. Frank died September 26, 1906. Sadie, one of the twins, is also dead.

Francis Arnold died June 23, 1906 and his wife Hattie (Koutz) Arnold died December 16, 1890.

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TAKEN FROM THE CENSUS RECORDS OF 1860

Enumerated on June 6, 1860 --By-C. Grandelmeyer

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Arnold, Francis	Age 33
Sex	Male
Occupation	Miller
Born	Hessen
Arnold, Hatty	Age 29
Sex	Female
Born	Pennsylvania
Arnold, Hatty	Age 3
Sex	Female
Born	Minnesota
Arnold, Catherine G.	Age 1
Sex	Female
Born	Minnesota

FROM THE RECORDS IN THE STEARNS COUNTY COURT HOUSE

FOR THE FRANCIS ARNOLD BIOGRAPHY

MARRIAGE RECORD BOOK G. PAGE 350

George E. Clement and Gertrude C. Arnold

Married at Arnold's Mill, March 30, 1882

By: Rev. E. V. Campbell

Witnesses: James R. Boyd and Elizabeth A. Boyd

DEATH RECORD BOOK B. PAGE 37 LINE 1

Frank Arnold, Born in Germany, January 20, 1821

Died June 23, 1906

Age 85 years

DEATH RECORD BOOK B. PAGE 115 LINE 2

Frank Arnold, Born in Le Sauk, Stearns County, January 13, 1864

Son of Frank Arnold and Hettie Koutz

Died September 26, 1906

Age 42 years 8 months and 13 days

DEATH RECORD BOOK A. PAGE 200 LINE 9

Hettie Arnold, Died in Le Sauk, December 16, 1890

Daughter of Salome Kautz

Age 62 years 4 months and 7 days

DEATH RECORD BOOK 2 PAGE 6 LINE 118

George E. Clement, Born in New York, December 14, 1856

Son of George E. Clement

Died May 22, 1935- Age 78 years 5 months and 8 days